



## **NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION**

Rebuilding Communities Through Indian Self-Reliance

June 18, 2008

The Honorable Dale Kildee  
2107 Rayburn  
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
236 Cannon  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Kildee and Congressman Cole:

On behalf of the National Indian Gaming Association ("NIGA"), I write to you as the co-chairs of the House Native American Caucus ("Caucus"). Some members of the Caucus have expressed interest in NIGA's position concerning off-reservation gaming. At our NIGA Executive Board meeting on April 19, 2008, the NIGA Board passed a motion to reaffirm NIGA's standing position on off-reservation gaming, which reaffirms resolutions adopted at NIGA's Membership meetings in Phoenix in 2007 and Albuquerque in 2008.

The attached Memorandum to the NIGA Executive Board explains our longstanding positions and repeats the operative language of our standing resolutions. These resolutions establish a policy that Tribes seeking to conduct off-reservation gaming should do so within their own aboriginal or historic areas.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Ernest L. Stevens, Jr.  
Chairman